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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
 Deputy Director for Operations
 Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Newsletters

1. From time to time the matter of an Agency newsletter is raised, and each time fails to gain sufficient support from senior management. Periodically, there crosses my desk a newsletter published by one office or another. As background to addressing the newsletter issue, I would be interested to know of the elements in your respective Directorates that publish a periodic newsletter and the frequency with which it is published.

2. I would appreciate a response within the next ten days.

/s/ John F. Blake
 John F. Blake
 Deputy Director
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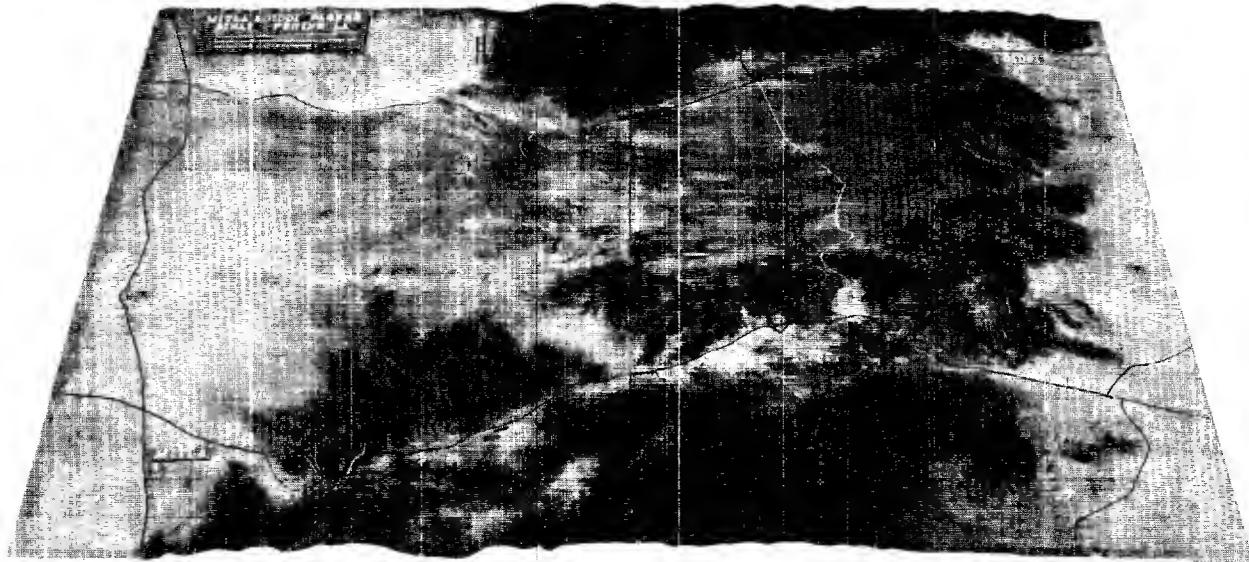
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The Sinai Model



The Middle East Branch of the Southern Geographic Division was heavily involved in support to Dr. Kissinger in preparation for the recent round of negotiations leading up to the latest Egyptian-Israeli disengagement agreement. One aspect of this support was the construction of a terrain model of the disputed Giddi and Mitla Sinai mountain passes by the NPIC Model Shop. Many of you no doubt know of the model's existence and we thought it would be interesting to explain why the model was built, how it was used, and where it has been.

During discussions with the Mid-East National Intelligence Officer (NIO) in July on how best to support Secretary Kissinger, it became obvious that it was going to be difficult for the negotiators to appreciate the terrain under dispute in the Mitla and Giddi Passes using maps and photography alone. In some cases, the areas of discussion only varied by a matter of feet (i.e., high points, etc.). The subject of building a model was discussed and on 15 July NPIC was directed to proceed with a tentative due date for mid-September. By the beginning of August, it became obvious that the model would have to be ready by 15 August in order to be taken to the Middle East by Dr. Kissinger. Since the manhours involved in building the model ultimately totaled 700, this shortened due date necessitated an outstanding effort and many late-night hours by the Model Shop to complete it on time. The personnel in the

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at which time it was covered by the press, newspaper and television. President Ford commented that the model was a "very effective tool" for detailing the terms of the agreement.

After authorization by Mr. Colby and Secretary Kissinger, the original model was taken to the CBS-TV Studio in Washington where 30 minutes of videotape were taken of it for use on a documentary yet to be aired.

As a final chapter to the travels of the Sinai model, Mr. Hicks has directed that it be placed on permanent display in the 6th floor lobby.

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The Old and the New

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[redacted] of the CIA White House Support Staff briefed President Ford the first weekend in October on current photographic intelligence items using an old fashioned hand-held stereoscope that was passed down in the Hicks family from grandfather, to father, to son (John). Mr. Hicks

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got the idea when [redacted] called up one day and asked for ways to graphically present to the President some of the intelligence he was seeing in printed form. As Mr. Hicks pondered the request (rubbing his goatee) he caught sight of his stereoscope. He loaned the stereoscope to Dave

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[redacted] with a scene of grandfather Hicks' farmhouse as a sample. Dave took to the idea and Mr. Hicks selected stereo scenes of current importance to be made into stereoscopic cards. Dave used the stereoscope to brief the President on the photo intelligence items. President Ford found the three dimensional effect valuable, as did Brent Scowcroft, then Deputy for National Security Affairs.

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